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"Barns of Rochester"

Lands Trust Creates Fundraising Calendar

By Kenneth J. Souza

Rochester's Dianne Wood fondly recalled the quintessentially New England barn in her hometown which first sparked the idea for a rural calendar collection. "There was a particular barn on Alley Road which my husband and I watched slowly deteriorate," she said. "The barn belonged to Betty Gayoski Corey ... it was very classical (looking) and very picturesque. For some reason it hit me that it would make a great calendar (photo)."

Thus was born the idea for "Barns of Rochester," a 1997 calendar collection of striking black and white photographs which will benefit the newly-formed Rochester Lands Trust. Produced in conjunction with The Galley Slaves — Ms. Wood's publishing company — the project is the culmination of three local talents including Ms. Wood, Laurell J. Farinon, and Norene Hartley.

"All three of us were involved with (Rochester's) Open Space Committee and Recreation Plan," Ms. Wood said. "And we were thinking of ways to promote the (Rochester) Lands Trust. (Ms. Farinon) and I started taking some photographs over the summer ... and (Ms. Hartley) did historical research on the barns."

It was this "excellent partnership" which yielded the attractive black and white calendar printed on elegant buff stock. With photographic credit split between Ms. Wood and Ms. Farinon, the calendar features twelve historically-significant barns throughout Rochester including the Hiller Barn (Hiller and Mary's Pond Roads), the Church Barn (Mattapoisett Road), Snipatuit Farms (Snipatuit Road), the Cabral Barn (New Bedford Road), the Corriea Barn (Vaughn Hill Road), the Lionberger Barn (Rounseville Road), the Fearing Barn (Rounseville Road), the Pierce Barn (Snipatuit Road), the Cervelli Barn (Vaughn Hill Road), the Roberts Barn (Mendall Road), the Gilmore Barn (Neck Road), and the Fuller Barn (Neck Road).

"We made the calendar because we wanted people to have an appreciation for these (historical structures)," Ms. Wood said. "Rochester — more than any other community in this area — used to have a strong farming connection. The barn is a symbol of farming and a reminder of what Rochester once was."

According to Ms. Wood, the subject matter is also an appropriate one for the recently-incorporated Rochester Lands Trust, since the group is dedicated to preserving and maintaining the town's open space. Many of the barns depicted in the calendar are situated on vast tracts of farmland which remain one of Rochester's greatest assets over its quickly-developing neighbors.

"The point of (this calendar) was to give the Lands Trust something to start with," Ms. Wood said. "Rochester still has a lot of open space to save ... and I think people want to preserve open space as long as it doesn't work to regulate out future development."

Some of the tenets of the Rochester Lands Trust include the acquisition of land for open space and/or conservation purposes through gifts, purchases, or conservation easements. The group also plans to maintain stewardship over acquired properties and educate residents about the value of land preservation.

"Our theory is, if you want to preserve open space, you've got to pay for it," Ms. Wood said. "You'll find that's the best way to do it. There are Lands Trusts throughout the United States which have thousands of dollars to purchase land. Right

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On the cover: The Cervelli Barn, located on Vaughn Hill Road in Rochester, is featured as the September, 1997 entry in the new "Barns of Rochester" calendar to benefit the Rochester Lands Trust. The site is now the home of Jonathan's Sprouts. (Photo by and courtesy of Dianne Cannon Wood).

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now, we're just looking to build our organization."

Ms. Wood noted that the Rochester Lands Trust is looking for active participation from people as well as volunteers to serve on their Board of Directors. A kickoff celebration is now in the planning stages and residents will be invited to join and participate.

The calendar also marks the debut of The Galley Slaves — Ms. Wood's publishing company based in Rochester. Although the project was produced under the auspices of Ms. Wood's company, all the profits will go directly to the Rochester Lands Trust. She explained that this "first project" was simply a means for her to hone her designing and publishing skills while benefitting a worthwhile cause.

"The money we make on the sales of the calendars will only be used to recoup our printing costs — which were about $2,000," Ms. Wood said. "Anything over that amount will go to the Lands Trust. We all bought our own film ... and donated our time as a contribution. (Ms. Farinon) even developed all the photos herself."

Ms. Wood's company will next be working on an oral history of Rochester and with resident Vera Underhill who will share her fond memories of

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Though the calendars have only been available for a short time — at a modest price of $10 each — Ms. Wood noted that they've sold about 150 to date, and she expects a bigger boost from people outside the area in the weeks ahead.

"We hope to tap the people who used to live in Rochester," she said. "In (this town) there seems to be a sense of attachment to the area ... I think that anyone who lived (in Rochester) would appreciate the calendar."

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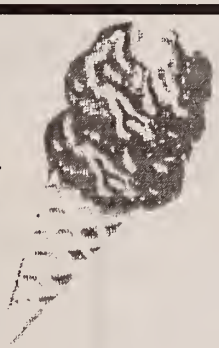

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On Sunday, October 6 at 1:00 pm, the Kempton Memorial Animal Cemetery (358 Middle Road in Acushnet) will sponsor the annual Blessing of the Animals. Regardless of one's religious tradition, everyone can find a friend in St. Francis of Assisi, who was known to befriend all earth's creatures. More than an act of blessing, it will be a time of celebrating the loving relationships that have developed between us and all animals, great and small. And you don't need an animal to attend this special event.

First started in 1991, the annual blessing is something that the group hopes will catch on with area pet owners. Although the ceremony has been well-attended since its inception, Kempton Memorial Animal Cemetery Manager Kathy Goddu said she would like to see attendance increase this year.

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driving in apple country, I hope they notice it and stop in," she said. "This is really the only (blessing) of this type in the area ... there is another on Cape Cod, somewhere near Hyannis which is a big draw every year. I hope our (event) can become the same."

The Reverend Robert Blumenstock from Barrington, RI will have the honor of blessing the local pets. Dogs must be restrained on a leash; cats and other small animals must be confined to a pet carrier for their safety. Participants are urged to bring an umbrella in case of rain. For further information, please call 995-2921.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

October 1, 1996

By Dionne F. Richmond

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, October 1, 1996 at 7:00 pm by Chairman John N. DeCosta. Also present were Selectman Paul E. Lambalot, Selectman Michele C. Bernier, and

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After approving the minutes of the Tuesday September 24th meeting of the board and the Monday, September 30th meeting of the board, the Selectmen signed the treasury warrant, licenses, permits and outgoing correspondence for the week before they unanimously appointed Martha Peterson to the Open Space Committee.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

•Notice from the Attorney General's Office will conduct a Municipal Forum on Thursday, November 14th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Hynes Convention Center, Boston. This forum will feature presentations on conflict of interest and public corruption, innovative approaches to revitalize downtown areas and the Attorney General's electric restructuring plan.

•A copy of correspondence to Commissioner Struhs of the DEP from Rep. Straus with regard to the proposed closure of unlined landfills was also received. Representative Straus states that Mattapoisett is on a track which will lead to closure and capping of the unlined portion of the landfill, but is seeking a brief deferral of the negotiations while the Town's engineer explores the feasibility of using the balance of the footprint for a lined facility. Representative Straus also states he hopes the DEP will be able to review this request from town counsel favorably, and continue what he thought has been a good start in discussions between the town and the DEP regional office in Lakeville.

•Notice from Bradford G. Blodget of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife requesting that a meeting be scheduled with the Board of Selectmen to summarize the Division's activities relating to the erosion of Ram Island and the survival of the tern colony nesting on the island.

•Selectman Bernier also submitted a copy of her letter sent to the BOH expressing her opinion about Title 5 financial assistance. Her letter states that she is "disappointed that the town of Mattapoisett will not be taking advantage of the $20,000 to develop a septic inspection program and will be limited to disbursing $100,000 rather than $200,000. I am disappointed too, that once a group of citizens in town registered their interest in the choice of options, that the BOH

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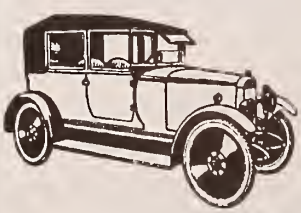

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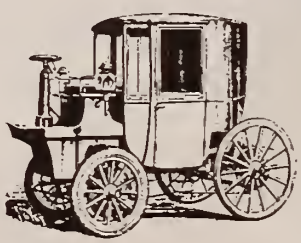

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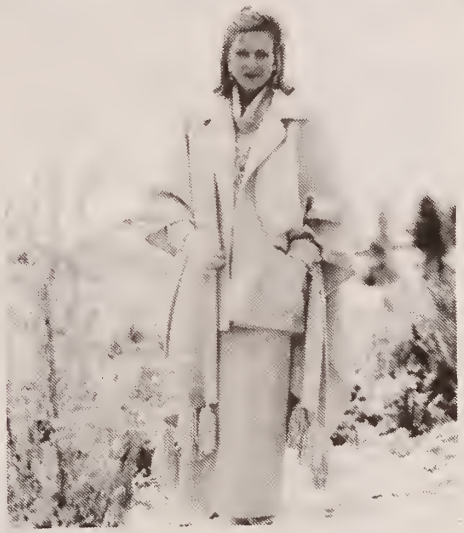

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did not have a special meeting in a timely fashion to discuss their opinions."

"In simplified terms it appears that the Commonwealth is offering more money to towns who are interested in developing comprehensive on-site system inspections or a local septic system management program. This required a great deal of work on the part of the town but the long term health and environmental benefits are obvious. In return for the extra work, the town will be given $20,000 to cover some of the added expenses in putting the plan together, $200,000 in funds to be distributed (double Option II) and it will be allowed more discretionary powers in determining who may apply for the loan money.

That is, the loans may be offered to more taxpayers by virtue of more money to be offered and by broadening the eligibility requirements in that the town can put an environmental issue ahead of or on an equal footing with the low to moderate income criteria."

She said that Option II only offers half the money and does not appear to offer the $20,000 pre-loan assistance and significantly limits the number of taxpayers that the town may offer the loans to by virtue of less money to offer and putting in low to moderate income criteria ahead of the environmental issues. "To choose half the money because the town agencies are unwilling to put the inspection program in place seems shortsighted and miserly. At $10,000 (the average cost of an upgrade/repair), the funds will cover approximately 10 such

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Selectman Lambalot suggested the BOH should be present if they were being criticized for their recommendation of Option II in an open discussion during the Selectmen's meeting. During last week's meeting, the BOH agent recommended Option II to start with a smaller program to see how it worked. The town is already limited to Option I since that was the option Chairman DeCosta signed at last week's meeting.

•Fire Chief Scott also extended an invitation to the Board to attend the Fire Department's Annual Open House on Thursday, October 10th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

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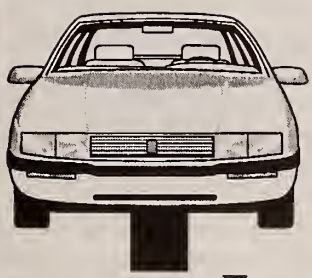

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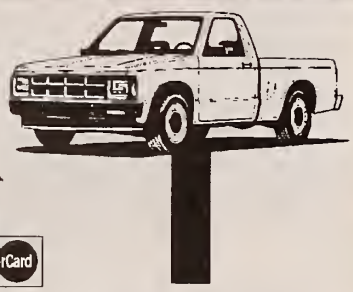

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•A letter was also received from Robert Belanger of Angelica Avenue expressing his views about the proposed dinghy dock. He wrote that he supports the Mattapoisett Land Trust's position in opposition to the proposed perpendicular pier at the town landing.

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•Officer Mitch Suzan submitted correspondence requesting that his unused six vacation days be donated to the sick bank. Officer Suzan states that the town has been understanding during his recent illness and wishes to repay the kindness.

•The Historical Commission also informed the Board they are seeking volunteers to be appointed to this commission. Any persons interested should contact the Selectmen's Office.

After reviewing the correspondence for the week, the board met with Robert Atkinson to discuss the upcoming public meeting to discuss the proposed dinghy dock. He asked who would be presenting a plan at the meeting and who would run it. The Board said that they would run the meeting and that abutters John Simpson program manager of the DEP Waterways Division, Steve Mach, Harbormaster/Wharf Commissioner and John DeRugeris from Coast Line Engineering would also be present at the meeting. Selectman

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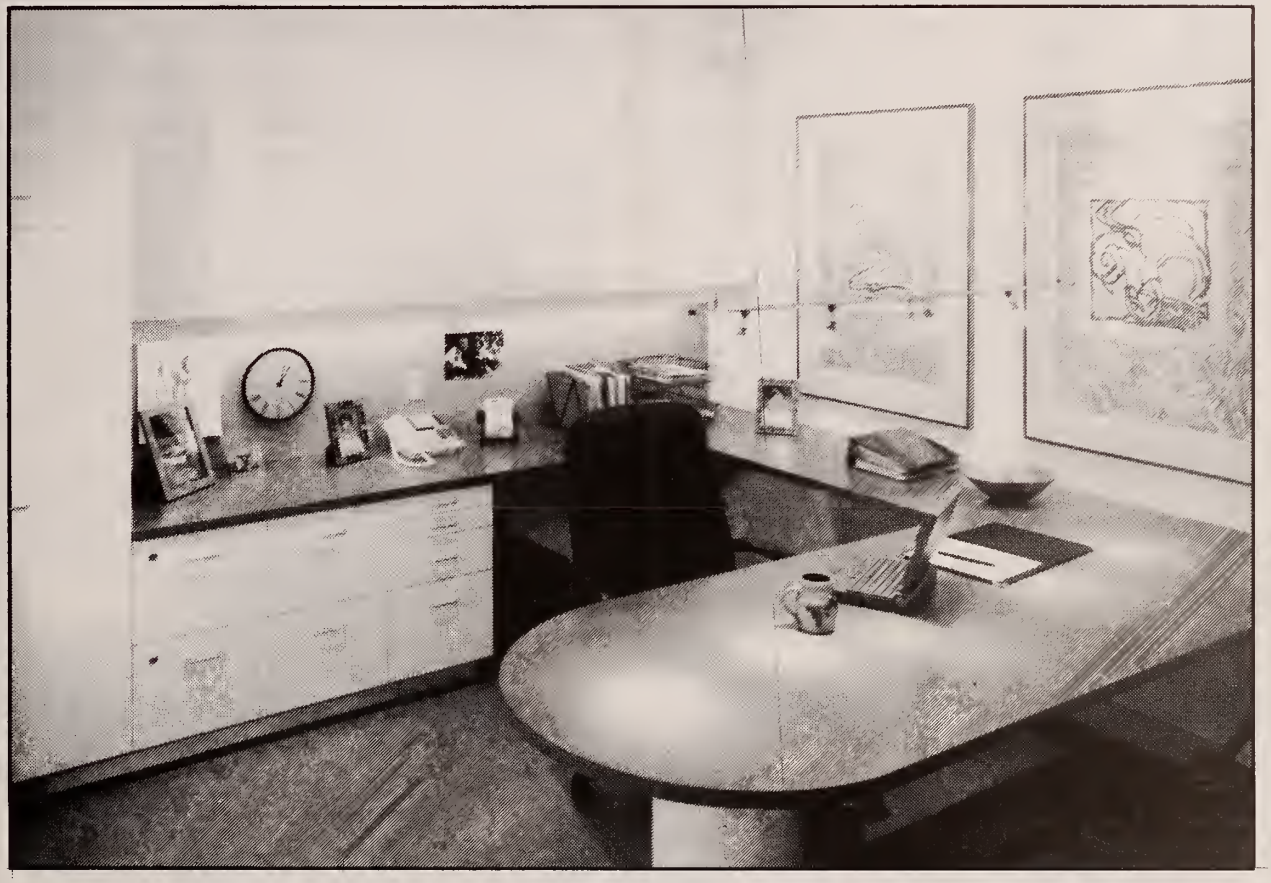

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Under discussion items, Selectman Bernier said she was dismayed that no one else talked to the applicants for the school committee position last week. She said she contacted Debbie DeWalt and tried to contact two other applicants prior to making a decision. The other members of the board explained there was only one applicant until a few days before the appointment was made.

"In a lot of cases we have a few applicants and we are familiar with the one or two that apply," said Selectman Lambalot. He said the Board of Selectmen and the school committee all knew Debbie DeWalt -- the top choice -- to fill a vacant position on the school committee.

Members of the school committee stated she demonstrated her commitment to the town while working on the Building Needs Committee for Old Hammondtown school and while she served as president of the Mattapoisett PTA. Selectman Lambalot said when there were several appointments to be made to the school committee, the Board interviewed each one of them. "It would be nice to meet the newer people," suggested Selectman Bernier. Selectman Lambalot agreed with her but said the board relied heavily on the committee's recommendations since they are most familiar with the position they are in need of filling.

At 7:30 pm the Board met with members of the Capital Needs Study Committee to go over their draft report. The committee put together a draft of all of the department

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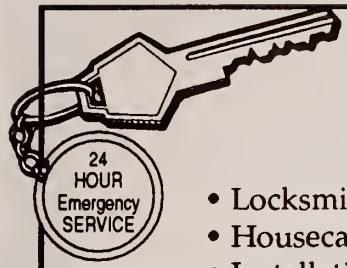

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heads needs. A public meeting will be held in the future with all of the department heads present (such as police, fire, water, highway). Randall Kunz told the board their committee was now looking to Selectmen for direction. "Where would you like us to go with this?" he asked the Board.

The Board discussed some of the "big ticket" items such as Center School. "We have to look at the future of Center School," said Chairman DeCosta. Selectman Lambalot said one of the first steps is finding out what the town is willing to do by holding a public hearing. Mr. Kunz said one of the steps they needed to take with Center School is identifying costs incurred regardless of its future use. "If we got the lowest common denominator cost, it's a basis for you to conduct a public meeting with some numbers in mind. Unless we just

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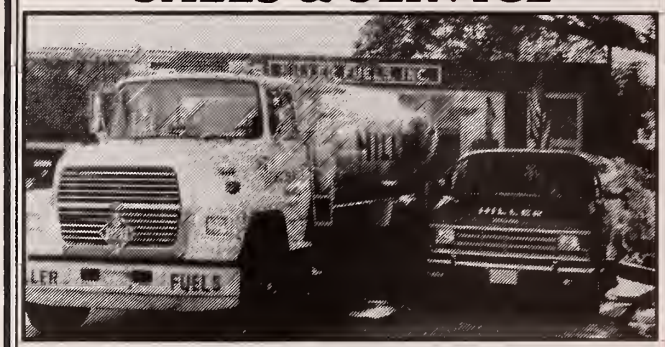

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plain don't do anything than what we're doing now," said Mr. Kunz.

Selectman Bernier suggested they ask for a package from each department prioritizing their needs to give the town warning as to what the big ticket items are. The Board and the Capital Needs Study Committee will touch base again in February.

There being no further business for the Board to discuss, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:00 pm.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting
October 1, 1996
By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson. Also present were Selectman Loretta B. Schaefer, Selectman Albert E. Winters, Executive Secretary Ray Pickles, and Secretary Helene Craver.

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September 24 meeting and signing treasury warrant #14 for the week, the board met with residents Marshall Sadeck, David Dion, and William Ainslie regarding a proposal they've submitted via petition to connect several homes in the so-called "Berry Patch" neighborhood to the town's public sewer system. Mr. Sadeck, Mr. Dion, and Mr. Ainslie have helped form a committee representing the an estimated 29 to 31 homeowners and have also spearheaded the petition which was signed by residents from Cranberry Way, Boxberry Way, Blueberry Way, and Huckleberry Way.

"We're looking at the possibility of bringing the sewer line to our neighborhood," said Mr. Sadeck. "We're in a situation where we need to do something."

Mr. Pickles explained that the area has a high level of ground water, and for the homeowners to meet even the minimal Title V requirements, it would be very costly. "They would like us to look at the financial feasibility of a betterment project," Mr. Pickles said.

Chairman Dickerson said the board would "take this matter under advisement," and consult the town's engineers regarding the costs and feasibility of the proposed project.

At 7:15 pm the board met with members of the Marion School Committee to select a candidate to fill a vacancy on the committee in the wake of Mona Murphy's recent resignation. Last week the School Committee and Board of Selectmen jointly interviewed three candidates who had applied for the position, including George Askew, Albert Cordeiro, and Lora Sharpe.

Chairman Dickerson noted that all three were worthy applicants, and he was hard-pressed to select only one. "I wish we had three openings on the School Committee," he said. "It's not often that we get three equally-qualified candidates." School Committee member Susan Grosart agreed. "We were

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grateful that three good candidates came forward ... and we hope the other two will continue their interest," she said. In order to gauge the group's preference, Chairman Dickerson took an informal ballot poll before entertaining a motion to appoint.

School Committee member Susan Grosart moved to appoint George Askew, which was seconded and made unanimous by all members of the School Committee and Board of Selectmen. Mr. Askew will be notified and asked to attend the committee's next meeting.

At 7:25 pm the board met with Harbormaster George Jennings, Shellfish Officer Charles Bradley, and members of the Marine Resources Commission (MRC) as part of their annual departmental updates. MRC Chairman David Arms presented the board with a report of the past year's achievements and recommendations for future projects.

Harbormaster Jennings had sent a copy of his annual report to the board last week, and he only wanted to know if the board had any questions or suggestions for him. The board repeated their previous accolades, and Chairman Dickerson stressed that they were "very happy with the work" Mr. Jennings and his workers have done throughout the year.

"I appreciate the board's confidence in me ... and I want to thank you for sending me a letter of appreciation," Mr. Jennings said. "I can't do it alone, and all the people on my crew deserve the same recognition."

MRC Chairman Arms echoed the board's response, saying "I think the issue is one of fairness with (Mr.) Jennings. I know that foremost in his mind is to treat everyone fairly while enforcing the Waterways Regulations."

Shellfish Officer Charles Bradley also previously submitted his detailed report to the board, and he only focused on future plans for shellfish propagation. He outlined a new technology known as an "upweller system," which would

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"The town is growing and I think Marion needs to look at shellfish propagation," Mr. Bradley said. "The upweller system is now being used in Hyannis and Westport with great results. Marion's quahog crop is fairly healthy right now, but the clam and scallop crops need improving."

Mr. Bradley said the system — which would require some 1 to 1.5 million seed clams to begin — could be located virtually anywhere in town, as long as there was a means of supplying water to it. Once the shellfish grow to within one-half and three-quarters of an inch, they would be replanted and could be harvested within two years.

On a related note, Mr. Bradley updated the board on the Bird Island Restoration Project. To date, they have collected some $104,000 in donations, including a grant. The estimated cost of the final project is about $141,680. They've already selected a contractor for the restoration work, and they hope to reduce some of their overall costs through volunteer work. Mr. Bradley said they hope some of the work will commence this fall.

Other pending projects for the MRC includes the renumbering of the mooring field in Sippican Harbor, renovations and improvements to the Old Landing launch ramp, and a recommended amendment to Section XX of the by-laws. This latter item — which would effectively allow a second notice to be sent to all mooring permit holders on or about May 1 of each year warning of the fee deadline — was unanimously approved by the Board of Selectmen.

At 7:45 pm the board met with Joseph Zora Jr. of Zora Enterprises to discuss his request for a sewer tie-in and extension line on Converse Road for a proposed 87-lot subdivision in the Old Knoll Road area. Mr. Zora noted that

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Mr. Pickles said he talked to members of the Department of Public Works (DPW), and they were in favor of the project, as long as it included the same restrictions which were applied to a recent project proposed by George T. J. Walker. But both Selectman Winters and Selectman Schaefer said they would like more information before granting permission to proceed. "I'd like to see a good faith estimate on when the project would be done," Selectman Winters said. "I think there are people in the area who could benefit from the project ... and we have a responsibility to look after their interests."

Although the board seemed to agree that the project was worth pursuing, they had some questions which they wanted to run by the Department of Public Works before approving it. "I'd like to take this under advisement for one week," Selectman Schaefer said. "I'd like to get more information about the project's impact on the town's sewer system."

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• Notice from the Marion-Wareham Veterans Day Parade Committee, announcing that the Thirty-Seventh Annual Veterans Day Parade will step off at 1:30 pm on Monday, November 11 from the field at the rear of Sippican School. In the event of rain, services will be held inside the Marion Music Hall on Front Street.

Chairman Dickerson reminded residents that the town's Surplus Sale will take place this weekend, on Saturday, October 5 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

At 8:30 pm the board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and would return to regular session only to adjourn for the evening.

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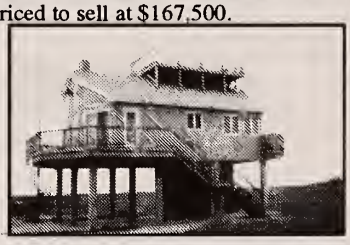

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Rochester Special Town Meeting

September 30, 1996

By Dionne F. Richmond

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ARTICLE 1 — which requested $2,000 to fund the position of Zoning Enforcement Officer — passed via majority vote. Tax Collector Thomas Gayoski, Jr. asked the board if the Zoning Enforcement Officer would get paid a flat rate — even if he was called for only one case all year. Selectman Chamberlain explained for the past year the Building Inspector has acted as the town's Zoning Enforcement Officer.

He said the board was trying to establish $2,000 to carry over this position until the next Town Meeting but they haven't determined if the person would be paid salary or per case. Selectmen Chairman Lorraine Roy Hawkes explained they needed to fund this line item so they could advertise and hire someone for this position. "None of the variables are known," explained Finance Committee Chairman Patricia Ryan. "We have a line item we can transfer, without it we wouldn't have any way of

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ARTICLE 2 — which asked the town for $200 to care for veterans' graves — and **ARTICLE 3** — which asked for $1,000 for secretarial support for the Planning Board — also passed by majority vote, but not without being defeated on the first try. Both articles did not pass by unanimous vote on the first time around, but Town Meeting voters agreed to reconsider the article a few minutes later. These two articles only required a two-thirds vote on the second try and passed.

The Police Department also requested $950 for pagers in **ARTICLE 4**, so that the Police Chief can reach officers at any given point or send them a message. "They could respond if he needed to fill a shift," explained Chairman Hawkes. This article passed by majority vote.

Special Town Meeting voters also passed **ARTICLE 5** — to amend a line item for an additional $1,000 for the Plymouth County Retirement Fund. Chairman Hawkes explained that since the June 10 Annual Town Meeting two new officers have been hired under the COPS grant. An additional $1,000 is needed to cover the two new officers. Voters also passed **ARTICLE 6** — which asked for an additional $100 for Life Insurance for the new officers.

ARTICLE 7 — which asked for $1,118.86 to pay prior years' bills — also passed by the required nine-tenths vote.

Members also approved **ARTICLE 8** — which the board requested to transfer care, custody and control of a portion of the town-owned land

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Although a motion was made to table **ARTICLE 9** -- to authorize the board to transfer the care, custody and control of a portion of the town-owned land on Dexter Lane to the Board of Park Commissioners for playground purposes — it did not pass via majority vote. Instead Town Meeting members voted to amend the article to replace the word "Playground" with "Recreational."

Former Selectman Harry Brown said this article should be put off until the previous article

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was "squared away." One resident voiced her concern over the word "recreational." She wanted to know if this would include allowing motorized vehicles in the land. Park Commissioners explained it included recreational activities such as a playground and baseball fields. "It could mean launching a ship to the moon ... we can't cover every 'we will not be' in the article," said Gary Laboa.

ARTICLE 10 — to ban the use of internal combustion powered outboard motors or internal combustion powered recreational vehicles of any type on Snipatuit Pond — was tabled. Chairman Hawkes made a motion to table this article. The Board of Selectmen previously explained the state has jurisdiction over the pond.

ARTICLE 11 -- to appropriate $209,974 under Chapter 90 for highway repairs and improvements was also passed. The town will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for this money, explained FinCom Chairman Ryan.

Lastly, Town Meeting voters agreed to change the designation of Rochester's Civil Defense to "Rochester Emergency Management." Selectman Chamberlain explained the Civil Defense Director had requested this to replace the somewhat outdated term. This article passed via majority vote.

Acushnet Special Town Meeting

September 25, 1996

By Kenneth J. Souza

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Special Town Meeting warrant. Having reached a quorum, Town Moderator Robert E. Francis commenced the meeting at 7:10 pm with a special nod to both Richard Threlfall, who would be presiding for the last time as Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Lillian B. Garbaciak, who would be serving for the last time as combination Town Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector.

"It's been a lot of fun working with both of them, and I wanted to thank them for their past service to the town," Mr. Francis said.

Before considering the first article, Mr. Threlfall explained that adjustments made tonight to the budget approved at the Annual Town Meeting would incur a cost of some $129,108. "At the last Town Meeting, we didn't have the Cherry Sheet numbers, and these are the changes we are proposing (tonight)," Mr. Threlfall said. "There is about $181,000 in requests (on this warrant) ... so please don't get down to the last article and find out we're out of money. If you follow the Finance Committee's recommendations, we'll be able to present a balanced budget tonight."

With that, voters considered ARTICLE 1, which requested a total of $88,144 from taxation, $26,627 from line transfers, and $3,235 from sewer

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revenue. After reading each line item amount, Mr. Francis asked voters to place a "hold" on those which they would like further explained.

Resident Donald Gaspar placed a "hold" on the DPW Water Division - Water Revenue line item. Mr. Gaspar wanted to know if this amount is above and beyond the $450,000 already appropriated by Town Meeting. Mr. Threlfall explained that this is an adjustment to the Water Department budget which will come out of user's fees.

The FinCom unanimously recommended passage of ARTICLE 1. There being no further questions, the voters approved the article with opposition.

Under ARTICLE 2, voters were asked to appropriate $12,000 to settle litigation against the town in the case of John T. Koska vs. the Town of Acushnet. The FinCom unanimously recommended passage of the article with reservation. Selectmen Chairman Everett Hardy explained that this is part of an agreement which the town made with a judge to settle the case. "We either (pay) this amount, or go to trial, and it will cost close to $30,000 or more if we lose the case," Selectman Hardy said. The article was approved with opposition.

Voters were asked to appropriate $6,000 to be used in conjunction with funds allotted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Acushnet roads under ARTICLE 3. The FinCom recommended passage of the article, and Town Meeting voters unanimously approved the article.

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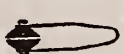
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Voters unanimously agreed to table ARTICLE 5, upon a motion from Selectman Peter Koczera. The article requested $25,000 to purchase replacement windows, repainting exterior trim, and make other necessary repairs to the Town Hall complex. Due to budget constraints, Selectman Koczera noted that this item would be postponed for later consideration.

The FinCom, however, recommended voters approve $1,266 to support the work of the Buzzards Bay Action Committee (BBAC) under ARTICLE 6. Selectmen Chairman Hardy explained that although this article was postponed from the Annual Town Meeting, the town has since benefitted from a grant which the BBAC helped acquire. Voters unanimously approved the article.

The first official count of the evening was used to determine the fate of ARTICLE 7, which requested $20,000 to install a new heating system in the former Marie S. Howard School on Middle Road which is being renovated for use as a Community Center. Selectman Robert St. Jean moved to table the article due to "lack of funds." Since the motion to table was not approved unanimously, a count was taken and the motion was passed — 84 in favor, 1 against.

Under ARTICLE 8, voters unanimously agreed to transfer care, custody, management, and control of four acres of land (Assessors' Plot 20, Lot 10) from the Board of Selectmen to the Park Commission for recreation purposes.

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which requested a total of $200,775.38 to supplement funding already approved for the Acushnet Golf Course project. Selectman St. Jean again moved to table the article, since some clarification was needed on the reasons for the additional expense.

"At this time both the Board of Selectmen and the Golf Course Committee feel this article is premature," Selectman St. Jean said. The motion to table was approved — 97 in favor, 2 against.

Voters did approve $2,600 to purchase fencing for the new backstops at Pope Park, with opposition, under ARTICLE 10. But they tabled a request for $8,380 to pave the sidewalks throughout (Pope) Park to provide better handicap access under ARTICLE 11. Selectman Hardy noted that although they would like to proceed with this project, right now the town has "insufficient funds" to do so.

Under ARTICLE 12, voters approved with opposition a request for $3,000 to provide immunization shots for Hepatitis B to all town employees, the bulk of which will be added to the Fire Department budget.

Voters also unanimously approved a transfer of $96,000 from the Stabilization Fund to the EMS Capital Projects Fund to complete the town's new EMS facility under ARTICLE 13. Although a 2/3

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The FinCom recommended and voters approved $3,200 to purchase eight pagers for the town Fire Department under ARTICLE 14. FinCom Chairman Threlfall noted that although the department can use more than eight pagers, this is all the town can afford at the present time.

There was much confusion over ARTICLE 15, which requested the town to accept Gabriel Farm Drive off of Middle Road as a public way. Town Moderator Robert Francis said this article would require prior approval from the Planning Board and should have been filed with the Town Clerk's office. Since neither requirement had been met, he was going to rule the article "out of order." "We have not legally met all the obligations to proceed with this article at this time," Mr. Francis said.

After much haggling, voters finally approved, with opposition, a transfer of $30,000 as previously approved at the April 22, 1996 Special Town Meeting for the purchase of a one-ton dump truck to purchase, instead, a three-quarter-ton dump

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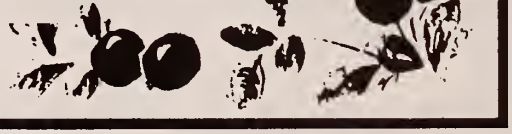

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DPW Superintendent Richard Settele explained that although the money was previously allocated to purchase a one-ton dump truck, the department's priorities have changed, and they could use a three-quarter-ton dump truck to plow narrower roads during snow storms. "I've learned that it will cost $40,000 to purchase the one-ton truck, so we're already $10,000 short," Mr. Settele said. "I talked with DPW member Ray Barlow, and he said we need a smaller truck to plow snow on narrower streets. I feel the $30,000 allocated could be used to purchase this three-quarter-ton truck."

Lastly, voters unanimously agreed to transfer the remaining $1,243.34 into the town's Stabilization Fund under ARTICLE 17 which, according to Mr. Threlfall, "zeros out" the budget for the current fiscal year. With that, the Special Town Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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to $21 per 1,000 cubic feet beginning with the October billing, according to the town's Board of Public Works (BPW) this week. During a press conference at the Acushnet Town Hall on Monday, September 30, the BPW announced that water rates for Acushnet residents would decrease by $7 from their previous rate of $28 per 1,000 cubic feet.

"The water rates have come down due to a lot of hard work from the (Public Works) employees," BPW member Glen Alferes said. "They were out there working on meters that were broken and getting accurate readings. Once (the BPW) was able to make sure everyone paid their bills, we were able to set the new rates."

The BPW members cited years of inaccurate billing practices and a reliance on estimated meter readings as the reasons they were forced to set the previous rate of $28 per 1,000 cubic feet after first being elected in April, 1995.

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"What happened in Acushnet before we were elected was a nightmare," Mr. Alferes said. "It was partially the town's fault, because no one was doing anything about it. (The BPW) was a newly-elected board and we walked into a hornet's nest."

BPW Chairman Rene Racine noted that in February they sent out 2,500 water bills. Of that amount, only 350 were based on "estimated meter readings." Some 467 water users didn't pay and were sent demand notices. After this, 120 users were issued shut off notices. In the end, only 7 users were actually shut off — and most were turned back on within a few days.

It was this vigilant billing procedure — and the hiring of a full-time meter reader — which managed to return an estimated $56,332.25 to the town's coffers and convince the BPW that the water rates could effectively be reduced. Mr. Racine also noted they currently hold some $47,000 in liens pending payment of outstanding water bills.

"When we picked up this extra money, we realized that everyone was paying their fair share," Mr. Racine said. "We went over the figures last week with the Town Accountant and voted to reduce the water rates."

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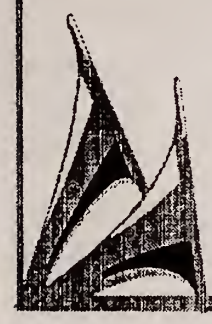

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and BPW members, the BPW wanted to make it clear that the reason they were able to reduce the water rates was because of the increased income gained through paid bills. Mr. Racine said it had nothing to do with the group of protestors which has been gathering outside of Town Hall during their meetings on Thursday nights.

Mr. Alferes did concede that part of the problem was the BPW didn't inform residents of their previous reasons for setting the higher water rates. He said the board will work to keep the public informed on all issues from now on.

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was not to inform the people," he said. "Now, we want to let the people know that the water rates are going down, and why they are going down."

On the flip side of the coin, however, the City of New Bedford elected to increase the town's sewer customers' bills by about the same amount: $7. That means the 422 Acushnet sewer users who are tied into the New Bedford system will see their bills increase from $26.62 to $32.03.

"We weren't even given any notification (from New Bedford)," said Mr. Racine. "They just sent us the bill."

Mr. Alferes added that the increase is part of the town's ongoing negotiations with New Bedford and a pending sewer agreement which is being spearheaded by the Board of Selectmen.

Election Results

Threlfall Elected Acushnet Town Clerk

By Kenneth J. Souza

In an election which really didn't surprise too many people in Acushnet, former Finance Committee Chairman Richard Threlfall of Quaker Lane was swiftly elected as the town's first sole Town Clerk.

In what was essentially an uncontested race, Mr. Threlfall received 110 votes over his sole opponent, Jacqueline Contois of Club Avenue, who garnered 17. Ms. Contois had unofficially withdrawn from the election but didn't file within the given deadline, forcing the election to proceed. Only 133 Acushnet voters turned out on Monday, September 30 to cast their ballots — a paltry 2

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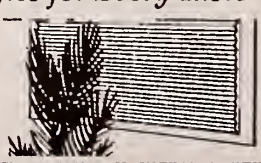

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percent of the total 5,684 registered voters in town.

The results weren't much of a surprise to anyone — especially to Mr. Threlfall. "No, I wasn't surprised," Mr. Threlfall said Tuesday morning after the election. "It was kind of a shame they had to have the election at all. But I really didn't expect a large turnout."

After his expected swearing in that afternoon, Mr. Threlfall said his first order of business would be to learn what his duties are as Town Clerk, and define the differences between his job and the Tax Collector's.

"I'll be trying to get the place organized a little bit ... that will take a while," he said.

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By Jennifer J. Ouellette

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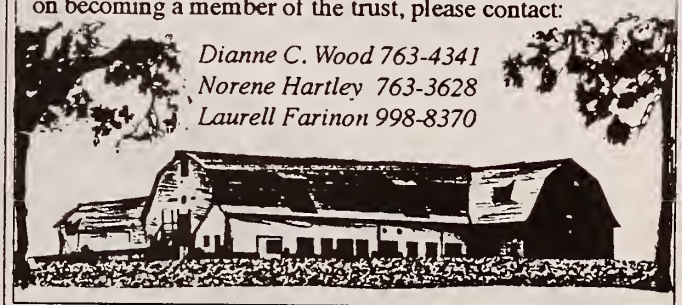

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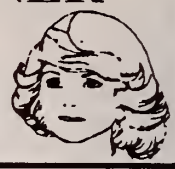

Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 pm on Monday, September 30 by Chairman John R. Roderiques. Also present were Selectman John T. Haaland, Selectman Robert T. Hamilton, Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch, and Secretary Jan St. Germain.

Chairman Roderiques began the meeting by announcing the first taping and airing of the weekly Selectmen's meeting in its entirety on local public access cable TV. He called it a "dry run" for when the cable equipment is installed. Chairman Roderiques went on to ask for approval of the minutes of September 23 meeting, which were accepted with a few minor changes.

The first appointment of the night was scheduled with Fairhaven Police Chief Edward Silva at 7:15 pm. Chief Silva came to the board to discuss a proposed skateboarding by-law. Chief Silva said he was unaware of the proposal for a by-law, so the board reviewed the proposal. It seems that skateboarding has become a problem in front of the Town Hall — where damage is actually visible on the steps — and at Fairhaven High School.

The first issue is one of safety for the skateboarders, persons entering and exiting the Town Hall, and persons who must navigate their vehicles around the skateboarders. The second issue is that there is no police enforcement of when and where these riders can skateboard. Chief Silva mentioned at this time there are some by-laws in the town that might affect this problem, a by-law which states that no game, sport or other such amusement

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However, Chief Silva also informed the board that the only enforcement available for this by-law was to summons the offender to juvenile or district court. "Officers find it difficult to charge someone rather than just telling them to go home," Chief Silva said. "An approach" to look into, according to the Chief Silva, is a system not unlike the parking ticket system. Violators of the by-law would be given a ticket that would not go on their record or follow them. The ticket would be paid and forgotten.

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Another suggestion was to follow the example of a by-law which Edgartown has in place in which all rollerbladers, skateboarders and roller skiers— among others — must yield to pedestrians on the sidewalks and motor vehicles in the roadways. The board said they would review the proposal so that it would not sound so much like an anti-skateboarding document and have a "definitive decision" by next week at the latest.

The second appointment of the night was with newly-hired Town Planner Mike Almada. Mr. Almada was meeting with the board to discuss his goals for planning, economic development, and financial aid. The first discussion was concerning what was required to get his office up and running as far as a budget.

Mr. Almada asked to receive a new computer station, chair, table, reference works, start up expenses for the office, and possibly some clerical assistance. The board agreed to his budget requests, but asked for steady updates on his progress. Mr. Almada also came before the board to present his goals and objectives, an overview of available grants, a calendar for the first quarter, and a "schematic" of how he proposes to spend his weekly time. The board was pleased with his presentation and was appreciative of the time and effort Mr. Almada had spent preparing for his work.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received a letter from Town Counsel regarding their opinion on rubbish collection for apartment and condo units. The Board of Selectmen had requested more specific requirements and an attached cost for this additional collection. Town Counsel's reply was that if rubbish pick-up was supplied to these units, the town would be obligated to provide the same service for business property owners. However, because the Board of Public Works (BPW) has already made its decision to

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oppose this trash pick-up, there is little hope of changing their decision.

The board received the architectural plans for Fairhaven High School's renovation from Paul J. Moriarty and Associates, Inc. The review of these plans is in accordance with state codes to check and make sure everything is in compliance. The hopeful starting date of the renovations is sometime within the next week or so. A motion was passed to accept the plans as long as the sum of the project did not exceed $5,000.

Several residents had attended the meeting for the next topic on the agenda — hunting on West Island. The discussion was based on the hearing held at last week's meeting. Most of the speakers present were people who are opposed to hunting on the 338 acres of land in Fairhaven. The major concerns that have been expressed included:

• The hunting grounds will not be staffed on a full-time basis, and residents don't want the site to become a Miles Standish-type attraction;

• The area contains trails and beaches which are often used by both children and sightseers;

• The hunting would not be of too much interest since the only huntable animal in the area would be migrating birds.

Chairman Roderiques was quick to explain to everyone that he is not opposed to the hunting. In fact, he admitted that his family had a history of hunting and he also enjoyed hunting on his own. However, Chairman Roderiques said that the area is "fairly populated" and, according to Selectman

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Hamilton, it does not provide "enough protection for the public." What the board then needed to decide was whether or not they are going to seek a petition from the state.

A hearing will be held on October 21 at 8:00 pm for residents to voice their opinion on the issue. The board strongly recommends that anyone in the Commonwealth — not just West Island or Fairhaven — who cannot attend voice their opinion through letters to the Board of Selectmen or their state representative.

A letter was received from the Nichols House concerning the purchase of a parcel of land that the town owns for parking space. However, the board cannot do much about this request because the land would have to go out to bid, and if they did award it to the highest bidder, they would not be able to use it for a parking lot because it is zoned residential. The board agreed to send a letter addressing these issues to the Nichols House.

The board also signed a petition for ComGas to install a gas main service on Casco Street from the intersection of Brae Road, southerly for 50 feet to the east side of 37 Brae Road.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:55 pm.

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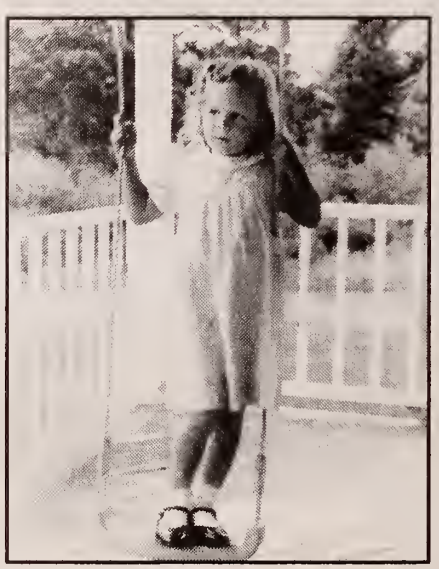

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By Kenneth J. Souza
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• The **Girls Soccer** team shut out New Bedford Voke in a match on Friday, September 20. The team also managed to kick past Bishop Connolly, beating them 2 to 1. The team will next face Case today (Friday, October 4) at 3:15; will host Bourne on Monday, October 7 for a 3:15 match; and will travel to Apponequet on Wednesday, October 9 for a 3:15 game.

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next set to travel to New Bedford Voke on Monday, October 7 for a 3:15 match.

• The **Volleyball** team had an impressive week, capturing four wins against four worthy opponents. They twice defeated Seekonk, 15 to 8, and 15 to 1. They also twice defeated New Bedford Voke Tech on Friday, September 27 — first 15 to 8, and then 15 to 11. The team will next travel to Case High School in Somerset today (Friday, October 4) for a 6:00 match. They will also travel to Bourne on Monday, October 7 for a 6:00 match; and will travel to Apponequet on Wednesday, October 9 for a 6:00 match.

• In **Golf**, the ORR Bulldogs teed off Chatham by defeating them, 8 to 1. They also trounced New Bedford Voke with a 40-and-a-half to 13-and-a-half win. The team is set to play Case at home today (Friday, October 4) at 3:15; will host Harwich on Monday, October 7 for a 3:15 game; will host Apponequet on Tuesday, October 8 for a 3:15 match; and will travel to Seekonk on Thursday, October 10 for a 3:15 game.

• The **Field Hockey** team managed to tie with Wareham during a home game on Friday, September 27. The team will travel to Bourne today (Friday, October 4) for a 3:15 game; will head to Case

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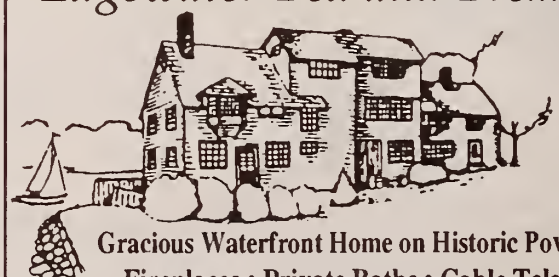

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High School on Wednesday, October 9 for a 3:15 game; and will also travel to Diman Regional Voke in Fall River on Friday, October 11 for a 3:15 game.

• The ORR Bulldog **Football** team shut out New Bedford Voke on their home turf last Saturday, September 28.The team will next travel to Tabor Academy in nearby Marion on Saturday, October 5 for a 1:00 game. They will also head to Wareham High School on Saturday, October 12 for a 2:00 game.

• Other ORR games slated for this week include: **JV Football**: Monday, September 30 - New Bedford Voke away (3:15); Monday, October 7 -

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Local Police Logs

ACUSHNET

The following log excerpts are for the week of September 23 through September 30, 1996:

• Slocum Street – suspicious investigation
• Main Street – larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
• Mary Drive – suspicious investigation/summons served (abuse, kidnapping)
• Lague Street – traffic accident/hit and run
• Main Street – adult arrest (larceny of motor vehicle, destruction of property, breaking and entering into a motor vehicle)
• Pope Street – larceny/breaking and entering into a motor vehicle
• Lake Street – humane call/injured animal
• Main Street – adult summons served (assault and battery, assault to rape)
• Mendall Road – suspicious investigation
• Enos Street – domestic disturbance
• Laura Keene Avenue – vandalism
• Boylston Street – loitering/curfew violation
• Barksdale Lane – breaking and entering/forced entry
• Hope Street – impounded dog/dangerous animal
• Middle Road – vandalism
• Gammons Road – domestic disturbance
• South Main Street – domestic disturbance
• Hope Street – impounded dog/dangerous animal
• Middle Road – juvenile arrest (warrant)
• Anthony Street – disorderly conduct/disturbing the peace
• Main Street – disturbance/noise complaint
• Hamlin Street Bridge – 5 juvenile arrests (larceny over $250, destruction of property, conspiracy to commit a felony)
• Middle Road – impounded dog/dangerous animal
• Main Street – missing person (child)
• Nye Avenue – disturbance/noise complaint.

FAIRHAVEN

The following log excerpts are for the week of September 23 through September 30, 1996:

• Ash Street – larceny (shoplifting)
• Ash Street – adult arrest (shoplifting by concealed means)
• School Street - adult arrest (vandalism)
• North Street – disturbance/gang
• Middle Street – disorderly conduct
• Reservation Road – burglary/breaking and entering
• Bridge Street – accident/property damage
• Union Street – accident/personal injury
• Fort Street – accident/property damage
• Main Street – juvenile arrest (disturbing the peace)
• Route 6 – larceny
• Middle Street – adult arrest (driving with suspended license)
• Laura Lane – accident/hit and run
• Green Street – larceny
• Holiday Drive – restraining order violation
• Sconticut Neck Road – adult arrest (stalking, violation of restraining order, breaking and entering, trespassing, disturbing the peace)
• Staffon Road – runaway
• Huttleston Avenue – disturbance/gang
• Middle Street – breaking and entering
• Huttleston Avenue – larceny
• Sedgewick Road – vandalism
• Staffon Road – runaway
• Washington Street – accident/property damage
• New Boston Road – disorderly conduct
• Pleasant Street – threats
• Pope's Island – adult arrest (disturbing the peace)
• Seaview Avenue – larceny
• Veranda Avenue – breaking and entering/motor vehicle
• Huttleston Avenue – adult arrest (shoplifting)
• Alden Road – accident/property damage
• Pleasant Street – domestic violence
• Main Street - juvenile arrest (larceny)
• Bridge Street – adult arrest (warrant)
• Sconticut Neck Road – adult arrest (larceny of motor vehicle, malicious destruction of property, failure to stop for police officer)
• Green Street – vandalism
• Hope Avenue – burglary/breaking and entering
• Huttleston Avenue – adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
• Howland Road – adult arrest (disturbing the peace)
• Alpine Avenue – intoxicated person
• New Boston Road – vandalism
• Spring Street – adult arrest (assault and battery, to wit: domestic)
• Union Street – protective custody
• Oak Street – vandalism
• Bridge Street – accident/property damage.

MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of September 22 through September 28, 1996:

• Washburn Park Road - vandalism (past)
• Barnabas Road – missing person
• Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Front Street - motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Mill Street – medical emergency
• Wareham Road – larceny/past
• Water Street – suspicious activity
• Spring Street - found property
• Front Street – suspicious person
• Front Street – suspicious activity
• Wareham Road – larceny/past
• Point Road – youths in street
• Main Street – medical emergency
• Route 195 West – adult arrest (warrant/larceny)
• Bullivant Farm Road – motor vehicle complaint
• Hastings Road – suspicious activity
• Point Road – medical emergency
• Water Street – burglar alarm
• Front Street - motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Arrowhead Lane - annoying phone calls
• Mill Street – youths in street
• Wareham Road – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
• Dexter Road – larceny/past
• Front Street – motor vehicle complaint.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of September 23 through September 30, 1996:

• Marion Road – domestic abuse
• Barlow Lane – suspicious activity
• Prospect Road – suspicious activity
• Water Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/property damage
• Homestead Court – suspicious activity
• Mendall Road – adult arrest (warrant)
• Tinkham Lane – suspicious persons
• Crestfield Street – suspicious activity
• Main Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/property damage
• County Road – adult arrest (warrant)
• Harvey Orchard Lane – trespassing
• County Road – adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
• Homestead Court – suspicious activity
• Meadowbrook Lane – larceny/bicycle theft
• Marion Road – burglary/breaking and entering/forced entry
• County Road – motor vehicle accident/investigation
• John Street – harassing phone calls
• Ned's Point Road – vandalism
• North Street – motor vehicle accident
• Marion Road – adult arrest (warrant)
• North Street – suspicious activity
• County Road – burglary/breaking and entering/forced entry
• Briar Road – suspicious activity.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of September 23 through September 30, 1996:

• Burgess Avenue – noise complaint
• New Bedford Road – adult arrest
• Perry's Lane – noise complaint
• Mary's Pond Road – suspicious activity
• New Bedford Road - officer wanted
• Mattapoisett Road – disabled motor vehicle
• Mary's Pond Road – motor vehicle stop
• Route 495 – motor vehicle accident
• New Bedford Road – animal control officer wanted
• Rod and Gun Club – vandalism
• SEMASS – lockout
• New Bedford Road – suspicious activity
• Cushman Road – motor vehicle stop
• Burgess Avenue – noise complaint
• North Avenue – motor vehicle stop
• Pierce Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Plumb Corner – breaking and entering
• Neagus Way – suspicious activity
• North Avenue – assistance requested
• Plumb Corner – building check.

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Tabor Academy at home (3:15); **Boys Soccer**: Friday, October 4 - Case at home (3:15); Monday, October 7 - Bourne away (3:15); Wednesday, October 9 - Apponequet at home (3:15).

Old Colony Regional Voke

Despite several losses this past week, the **Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School** Cougars continued to aggressively face off against their opponents. **Assistant Athletic Director Gary Brown** noted that several players staged standout performances.

• The Old Colony **Golf** team lost their first match of the season to the number-one-ranked West Bridgewater team, 6-and-a-half to 2-and-a-half. **Brian Cossette** and **Eric Branco** each won their matches.

The Cougars did manage to defeat Sacred Heart, 5 to 4 in their follow-up contest. **B. J. Richard** won his match, and **Joey Hardin** and **Brian Cossette** also pitched in to seal the victory for the Cougars.

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• ***Wednesday, October 9*** — Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, carrots, or ham and soup, milk, Jello.
• ***Thursday, October 10*** — Beef taco on soft shell, rice, tomato, lettuce, salsa, cheese, or bologna and soup, milk.
• ***Friday, October 11*** — French bread pizza with pepperoni, salad, or tuna and chowder, milk, dessert.

CENTER SCHOOL - MATTAPOISETT
• ***Monday, October 7*** — Hamburger/cheeseburger, or turkey pocket/roll, puffs, lettuce, tomato, fruit, milk.
• ***Tuesday, October 8*** — Chicken fajita pocket, or rib-a-que on a roll, soup, salad, fruit, milk.
• ***Wednesday, October 9*** — Ravioli, garlic bread, or toasted cheese, tossed salad, fruit, pudding or Jello, fruit, milk.
• ***Thursday, October 10*** — Beef taco, lettuce, tomato, nacho, or ham and cheese on a pocket/roll, fruit, milk.
• ***Friday, October 11*** — Cheese or linguiça pizza, or tuna pocket/roll, tossed salad, fruit, pudding or Jello, milk.

COASTLINE ELDERLY SERVICES
• ***Monday, October 7*** — Baked liver with onion sauce, whipped potato, mixed vegetables, rye bread, canned peaches.
• ***Tuesday, October 8*** — Hamburger chow mein, chow mein noodles, Oriental vegetables, multi-grain bread, fortune cookies.
• ***Wednesday, October 9*** — Meatballs with pepper and onions, shells, Italian green beans, hoagie roll, pudding.
• ***Thursday, October 10*** — Baked chicken leg with gravy, scalloped potatoes, Français blend vegetables, cranberry bread, pears.
• ***Friday, October 11*** — Tuna chili, fluffy rice, peas, marble bread, pineapple tidbits.
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FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
• ***Monday, October 7*** — Cheese pizza, baked pork chop with gravy, Steak'Um and cheese, rice pilaf, green beans, applesauce, pineapple, strawberry and banana Jello with topping.
• ***Tuesday, October 8*** — Hot dog on a roll, meatball sub, grated mozzarella, chicken salad roll, corn on the cob, potato puffs, chilled peaches, oatmeal cookie.
• ***Wednesday, October 9*** — Hamburger/cheeseburger, turkey sub, hot ham and cheese, oven fries, vegetable pasta salad, chilled pears, snack 'n' loaf.
• ***Thursday, October 10*** — French meat pie with gravy, chicken patty club, Steak'Um and cheese, whipped potato, corn, applesauce, blueberry pie.
• ***Friday, October 11*** — Cheesy mac twists, bologna and lettuce sub, hamburger/cheeseburger, fishwich, potato wedges, green beans, peaches, pears, peanut butter cookie.

FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL
• ***Monday, October 7*** — Baked lasagna, Italian grinder, seafood salad, potato puffs, salad, chilled pears, cherry Jello with topping.
• ***Tuesday, October 8*** — Baked macaroni and cheese, ham salad sub, fishwich, shaved turkey club, oven fries, green beans, chilled pineapple, oatmeal cookie.
• ***Wednesday, October 9*** — Roast turkey with gravy, hamburger/cheeseburger, hot ham and cheese, whipped potato, peas, baked apple, sweet potato, chilled pears, chocolate pudding with topping.
• ***Thursday, October 10*** — Kentucky style chicken, steak and cheese grinder, ham salad, scalloped potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, chilled peaches, blueberry pie.
• ***Friday, October 11*** — Spaghetti with meat sauce, grated mozzarella, double grilled cheese, bologna and lettuce sub, green beans, salad, applesauce, peanut butter cookie.

FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL - ACUSHNET
• ***Monday, October 7*** — IN-SERVICE DAY (no school).
• ***Tuesday, October 8*** — BBQ rib sandwich, rice, or turkey and soup, peas, milk, dessert.
• ***Wednesday, October 9*** — Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, carrots, or ham and soup, milk, Jello.
• ***Thursday, October 10*** — Beef taco on soft shell, rice, tomato, lettuce, salsa, cheese, or bologna and soup, milk.
• ***Friday, October 11*** — French bread pizza with pepperoni, salad, or tuna and chowder, milk, dessert.

HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL
• ***Monday, October 7*** — Cheese pizza, baked pork chop with gravy, Steak'Um and cheese, rice pilaf, green beans, applesauce, pineapple, strawberry and banana Jello with topping.
• ***Tuesday, October 8*** — Hot dog on a roll, meatball sub, grated mozzarella, chicken salad roll, corn on the cob, potato puffs, chilled peaches, oatmeal cookie.
• ***Wednesday, October 9*** — Hamburger/cheeseburger, turkey sub, hot ham and cheese, oven fries, vegetable pasta salad, chilled pears, snack 'n' loaf.
• ***Thursday, October 10*** — French meat pie with gravy, chicken patty club, Steak'Um and cheese, whipped potato, corn, applesauce, blueberry pie.
• ***Friday, October 11*** — Cheesy mac twists, bologna and lettuce sub, hamburger/cheeseburger, fishwich, potato wedges, green beans, peaches, pears, peanut butter cookie.

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE
• ***Monday, October 7*** — Chicken nuggets, French fries, peas, BBQ sauce, chocolate chip cookie.
• ***Tuesday, October 8*** — Meatball sub, rice, green beans, cheese wedge, spice cake.
• ***Wednesday, October 9*** — Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, applesauce, roll, dessert.
• ***Thursday, October 10*** — Fruit juice, grilled hot dog, baked beans, chips, cole slaw, pudding.
• ***Friday, October 11*** — Vegetable soup, pepperoni pizza, potato rounds, beets, assorted dessert.

OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL
• ***Monday, October 7*** — Hamburger/cheeseburger, or turkey pocket/roll, puffs, lettuce, tomato, fruit, milk.
• ***Tuesday, October 8*** — Chicken fajita pocket, or rib-a-que on a roll, soup, salad, fruit, milk.
• ***Wednesday, October 9*** — Ravioli, garlic bread, or toasted cheese, tossed salad, fruit, pudding or Jello, fruit, milk.
• ***Thursday, October 10*** — Beef taco, lettuce, tomato, nacho, or ham and cheese on a pocket/roll, fruit, milk.
• ***Friday, October 11*** — Cheese or linguiça pizza, or tuna pocket/roll, tossed salad, fruit, pudding or Jello, milk.

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS
• ***Monday, October 7*** — Soup, pastrami with cheese, chicken patty, macaroni salad, pickles, fruit, juice or milk.
• ***Tuesday, October 8*** — American chop suey, or steak and cheese sub, garlic bread, green beans, fruit, juice or milk.
• ***Wednesday, October 9*** — Vegetable soup, grilled ham and cheese, or chicken fritters, macaroni salad, pickle, fruit, juice or milk.
• ***Thursday, October 10*** — Turkey with gravy, or bacon cheeseburger, mashed potato, peas, roll, fruit, juice or milk.
• ***Friday, October 11*** — Sloppy Joe, or turkey sub, broccoli, fruit, juice or milk.

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL SCHOOL
• ***Monday, October 7*** — Hamburger/cheeseburger, or turkey pocket/roll, puffs, lettuce, tomato, fruit, milk.
• ***Tuesday, October 8*** — Chicken fajita pocket, or rib-a-que on a roll, soup, salad, fruit, milk.
• ***Wednesday, October 9*** — Ravioli, garlic bread, or toasted cheese, tossed salad, fruit, pudding or Jello, fruit, milk.
• ***Thursday, October 10*** — Beef taco, lettuce, tomato, nacho, or ham and cheese on a pocket/roll, fruit, milk.
• ***Friday, October 11*** — Cheese or linguiça pizza, or tuna pocket/roll, tossed salad, fruit, pudding or Jello, milk.

SIPPICAN SCHOOL - MARION
• ***Monday, October 7*** — Hamburger/cheeseburger, or turkey pocket/roll, puffs, lettuce, tomato, fruit, milk.
• ***Tuesday, October 8*** — Chicken fajita pocket, or rib-a-que on a roll, soup, salad, fruit, milk.
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ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL - FAIRHAVEN
• ***Monday, October 7*** — Cheese pizza, baked pork chop with gravy, Steak'Um and cheese, rice pilaf, green beans, applesauce, pineapple, strawberry and banana Jello with topping.
• ***Tuesday, October 8*** — Hot dog on a roll, meatball sub, grated mozzarella, chicken salad roll, corn on the cob, potato puffs, chilled peaches, oatmeal cookie.
• ***Wednesday, October 9*** — Hamburger/cheeseburger, turkey sub, hot ham and cheese, oven fries, vegetable pasta salad, chilled pears, snack 'n' loaf.
• ***Thursday, October 10*** — French meat pie with gravy, chicken patty club, Steak'Um and cheese, whipped potato, corn, applesauce, blueberry pie.
• ***Friday, October 11*** — Cheesy mac twists, bologna and lettuce sub, hamburger/cheeseburger, fishwich, potato wedges, green beans, peaches, pears, peanut butter cookie.

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The team bounced back to defeat Chatham, 6-and-a-half to 2-and-a-half. Playing well for the Cougars were **B. J. Richard**, **Jay Cruise**, **Eric Branco**, and **Steve Colt**.

• The Old Colony **Soccer** team lost to Cape Cod Tech, 5 to 0, despite an impressive offensive attack which was led by **Rita Mercurio** and **Travis Edminster**.

But Senior goalie **Tim Forand** helped his team rebound by leading his Cougar teammates to a 2-to-1 victory over South Shore Voke. Scoring goals for OC was **Travis Edminster** and **Josh Bumpus**. Tim managed to make 11 saves during the match.

Friday's match against Avon, however, ended with a loss for the Cougars, 3 to 0. But goalie **Tim Forand** still managed to fend off some of the Avon advances, turning away an impressive 14 shots.

• The Old Colony **Volleyball** team lost to Blue Hills, 11-5 and 9-15 last week. Playing well for the Cougars were **Sybill Hogan** and **Cheryl Mercier**.

The team also lost to Tri-County, 15-3 and 15-7. Cougar **Alyssa Silva** did manage to serve two points to close Tri-County's lead on Old Colony, but it wasn't enough to clinch the victory.

• Victory went to the **Cross Country** team

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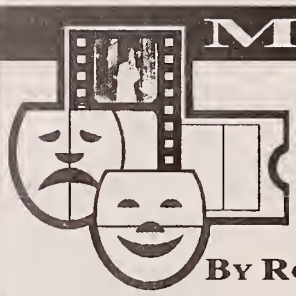

An *American Buffalo* in Rhode Island: Mamet's word-play

BY ROB GONSALVES

• *American Buffalo*. Starring Dustin Hoffman and Dennis Franz. Directed by Michael Corrente. Running time: 88 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Cinema 140 in New Bedford.

There's an interesting ongoing pun in *American Buffalo* that I wonder if its author, David Mamet, intended. One of the three characters, the burned-out weasel Teach (Dustin Hoffman), keeps ranting about two local lesbians, Grace and Ruthie. These women never appear on screen, but they're never far from Teach's mind: Grace and Ruthie this, Grace and Ruthie that. By the end of the movie, we've learned something about Teach: the man is graceless and ruthless.

American Buffalo itself may be ruthless — an unblinking study of trust among bottom dogs — but graceless it isn't. The play was David Mamet's Broadway debut, introducing many audiences to a new species of rhetoric. Men sit and vent about women, food, the weather, anything. It's the sound of self-defeating machismo sputtering out in spasms of profanity. Without the precedent set by Mamet, (and also Elmore Leonard), Quentin Tarantino would still be reminding people to rewind.

The "story" is really a story waiting to happen. We meet the bedraggled junk-shop owner Donny Dubrow (Dennis Franz), who's sore about selling a buffalo-head nickel for much less than he figures it's worth. Donny decides to break into the buyer's house, stealing back the nickel along with anything else that might be valuable. His shabby friend Teach wants in on the "shot" and can't understand why Donny wants to include his younger gofer Bob (Sean Nelson), possibly a heroin addict.

The men go back and forth. *American Buffalo* is the clash of two philosophies: Donny's "things are not always what they seem to be" versus Teach's "things are what they are." Hoffman tears into Teach's paranoid tirades like a bull mastiff, while Franz quietly positions himself as the voice of reason. The drama becomes a head-butting contest that nobody wins.

This is director Michael Corrente's follow-up to his acclaimed 1994 debut *Federal Hill*, a good, solid movie that nevertheless owed a little too much to *Mean Streets* (and the rest of the Scorsese portfolio). Like many young male directors, Corrente loves the verbal shrapnel of street guys, the repetitive obscenities and homophobic taunts, and *American Buffalo* has enough of it for five movies. Mesmerized by the trademark Mamet gutter poetry, Corrente directs unobtrusively and respectfully.

Maybe *too* respectfully. At times, *American Buffalo* seems like a punk rewrite of *Waiting for Godot*, and the staginess of the material shows despite Corrente's sporadic attempts to "open it out" — putting Donny and Teach on the sidewalk, mostly. At least *Glengarry Glen Ross*, another film based on a Mamet play, had two basic sets; this movie has only a shop, and as much as I enjoyed the talk and the performances, I can't say I was sorry to leave the shop. What works on stage doesn't always play well on screen.

Still, I'm reminded of Pauline Kael's review of *The Trojan Women*, a 1972 adaptation of Euripides. Kael said it wasn't great filmmaking, but it was a welcome chance to see the great play performed by great actresses. *American Buffalo* gives us the great Mamet words spoken by great actors. That's enough.

MOVIE LISTINGS

■ CINEMA 140
376 Hathaway Road, New Bedford, MA.
Movie Line: 999-6577 / Office: 999-4240.

Friday (October 4) through Thursday (October 10)
The Glimmer Man* (R) – Fri: 5:00, 7:15, 9:15;
Sat/Sun: 12:15, 2:15, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15; Mon-Thu: 7:00, 9:00
Fly Away Home (PG) – Fri: 5:00, 7:15, 9:30;
Sat/Sun: 12:00, 2:15, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Mon-Thu: 6:30, 8:30
Last Man Standing (R) – Fri: 5:00, 7:30, 9:30;
Sat/Sun: 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:30; Mon-Thu: 7:00, 9:00
2 Days in the Valley* (R) – Fri: 5:00, 7:15, 9:15;
Sat/Sun: 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15; Mon-Thu: 6:30, 8:30
Extreme Measures* (R) – Fri: 5:00, 7:15, 9:30;
Sat/Sun: 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Mon-Thu: 6:45, 9:00
American Buffalo* (R) – Fri: 5:00, 7:15, 9:15;
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The Mighty Ducks 3 (PG) – 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:20
She's The One (R) – 7:20, 9:20
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Bulletproof (R) – 1:30, 3:30, 5:20, 7:10, 9:00
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when they defeated Bishop Stang High School. Old Colony took 6 of the first 9 places, with Cougar senior **Mike McAvoy** placing first overall. Mike completed the 2.5-mile course in an impressive 13 minutes and 15 seconds.

• The Cougar **Football** team lost against Austin Prep on Saturday, 22 to 0. According to Assistant Athletic Director **Gary Brown**, "It was the first half that killed us ... the second half we played really well. (Austin Prep) only scored one touchdown in the second half ... and there was a penalty on the play that wasn't even called. But our team made too many mistakes in the first half to recover."

For their next match, the Cougars will host Nausset on Saturday, October 5.

MYAA Election

• The **Mattapoisett Youth Athletic Association** (MYAA) will hold its annual election of officers during their meeting on Wednesday, October 9 beginning at 7:30 pm at Old Rochester Regional High School.

Brad's Benefit Match

• **Brad's of Mattapoisett** held their **Sixth Annual Benefit Golf Match** at the Little Marion Golf Club on September 21. Fifty players teed off to benefit **Jonathan Vaughan**, who is in need of a bone marrow transplant.

Winners of the Best-Ball Scramble were **Bruce Reed, Dan McGonagle Jr., Tom Mott**, and **Richard Mott**. The Closest-to-Pin winners were **Bill Knapton** on #3 and **Dave Perry** on #7.

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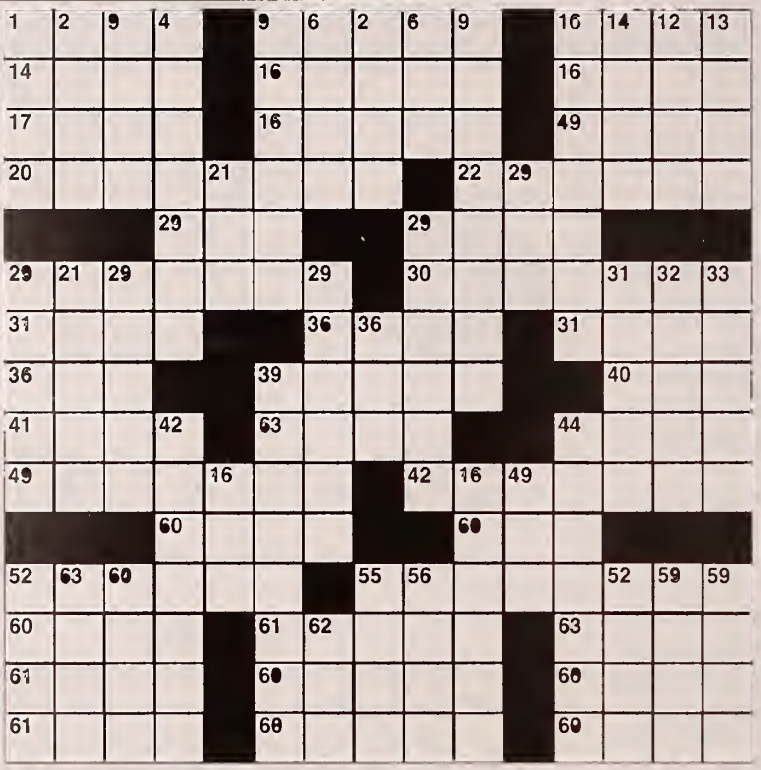

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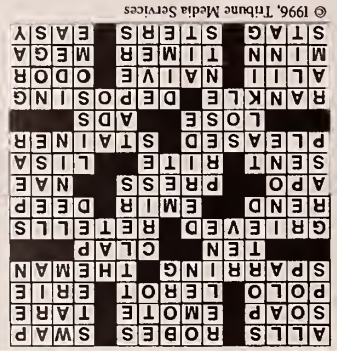

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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). Your workout will be loads of fun, but don't expect to break any records.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Stay home and finish old business. Start a project with your true love — or your favorite candidate for that job.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). You'll learn well, but be careful. Garbage in = garbage out, remember? You'll fall into the social whirl.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Shop only for necessities. Start a household project and get it wrapped up. Write.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Finish old projects instead of starting new ones. Buy something to make your life easier and something for your sweetheart.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Hold your breath and don't make waves. You'll be riding higher in the water soon. Balance your checkbook and pay all the overdue bills.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll have a great time at the gym, whether your team wins or not. Keep your nose to the grindstone.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Go along with an obnoxious supervisor's demands, without showing your disgust. Get together with friends to work on a project.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A trip won't turn out as planned, but it should be fun anyway. You'll be tormented by pedantic people. Get as close to perfection as possible.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your worries about money won't materialize. These are fabulous days for studying foreign words. You may get the chance to try out your new knowledge on a real live native-born speaker.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your competitor's plans go awry, giving you another chance to win. You'll be in the mood to travel, if you can get away. If not, catch up on your reading and correspondence.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Don't let financial worries distract you from your work. Catch a mistake before it goes any further. Get a partner to help you set your agenda, so you'll have more free time.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week: Follow a strong leader this year — with the intention of taking over the job. Finishing up the old stuff makes room for the new.

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Photographs of area events and newsmakers are also accepted and encouraged. *The Wanderer* accepts well-lit and clearly defined color or black and white photographs for publication provided they include a brief summary of the event or subject. Those interested in getting prints returned should make arrangements to pick them up at our office on the Friday following publication. Like news items, the deadline for photos is Monday at 12:00 noon and the publication of photographs is also subject to spacing constraints and therefore cannot be guaranteed.

All submitted copy is subject to alterations and/or condensation as space allows at the editor's discretion.

Blood Pressure Clinic - Mattapoisett

Blood Pressure Clinics for the month of October will be held on Wednesday, October 9 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and on Wednesday, October 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Clinics are held in the American Legion Hall on Depot Street and are open to all Mattapoisett residents.

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Rummage Sale in Acushnet

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following applications:

Application of Ruth Jenney Souza of 14 Church Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 14 Church. The applicant is requesting the re-opening of the public participation phase of Board of Appeals Case #771 in order to present additional information and a revised plan. A Special Permit is necessary for the construction of a garage which will not meet the required setbacks. The property is further described as Lot 85, Plat 9 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, October 17, 1996 at 7:20 P.M. #771.

Application of Stephen J. & Jocelyn Lombard of 4 Chapel Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 4 Chapel Road. The applicants are seeking a Special Permit under Section III.A.2.b of the Zoning By-Law to construct a farmers porch which will not meet the required street setback. The property is further described as Lot 32, Plat 3 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, October 17, 1996 at 7:40 P.M. #781

Application of Bruce H. & Katherine C. Minevitz of 754 Main Street, Hingham, MA 02043 re property located at 5 Freeman Street. The applicants are seeking a Special Permit under Section III.A.2.a. to construct a deck and pool which will not meet the required setbacks. The property is further described as Lot 80, Plat 8 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, October 17, 1996 at 8:00 P.M. #782.

Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the
Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.

Sincerely,
William D. Armitage, Chairperson
Jeffrey R. Chase
Nancy L. O'Brien
Robert Bertand
Girard F. Oliva 10/04, 10/11

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting has been scheduled for Monday, October 21, 1996, 7:00 pm, in the Town Hall Conference Room, for the purpose of discussing the Town of Mattapoisett's proposal for the construction of a dinghy dock at the town wharf.

All interested persons are invited to attend.
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Paul E. Lambalot
Michele C. Bernier 10/04

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BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing regarding the petition of Robert A. Lawrence, 253 Hartley Road, who is seeking a Special Permit to allow construction of a two family dwelling on a non-conforming lot under Section VIII D.9.c. of Protective Bylaws. Property is located on Lawrence Way, off Hartley Road, Assessors Plan 39 Lot 19B.

Public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 1996 at 7:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.
Charles Wolf, Chairman 09/27, 10/04

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #653

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing regarding the petition of Gary and Dawn Cecil, who are seeking a Special Permit under Section VIII D.2. to allow renting of rooms in an existing single family dwelling in an agricultural/ residential district.

Property is located at 56 Marion Road, Assessors map 6, plan 7.

Public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 1996 at 7:45 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.
Charles Wolf, Chairman 10/04, 10/11

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 15, 1996 at 7:10 P.M. in the Town Hall on the Request for A Notice of Intent submitted by Eluned M. Demarest, P.O. Box 2086, Beaufort, SC 29901.

The proposed project is to enlarge an existing room and add deck to an existing deck. Room is 12' x 12'.

The project is located at 27A Pine Island Road and is further identified as Lot 25 on Assessor Map 5.
Conservation Commission 10/04

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #650

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing regarding the petition of Martha R. Wright, who is seeking a Special Permit under Section VIII D.2. to allow renting of rooms in an existing single family dwelling in a agricultural/residential district.

Property is located at 50 Dexter Lane, Assessors map 6, plan 8.

Public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 1996 at 7:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.
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Applications and guideline information are available at the Rochester Town Hall. Completed forms should be returned to the Rochester Town Hall by October 15.

Rummage Sale in Mattapoisett

The Fall Rummage Sale of the Women's Community Guild of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church will be held in the church hall, located at 27 Church Street, on Wednesday, October 9 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, and on Thursday, October 10 from 9:00 to 11:00 am. The Thursday Sale

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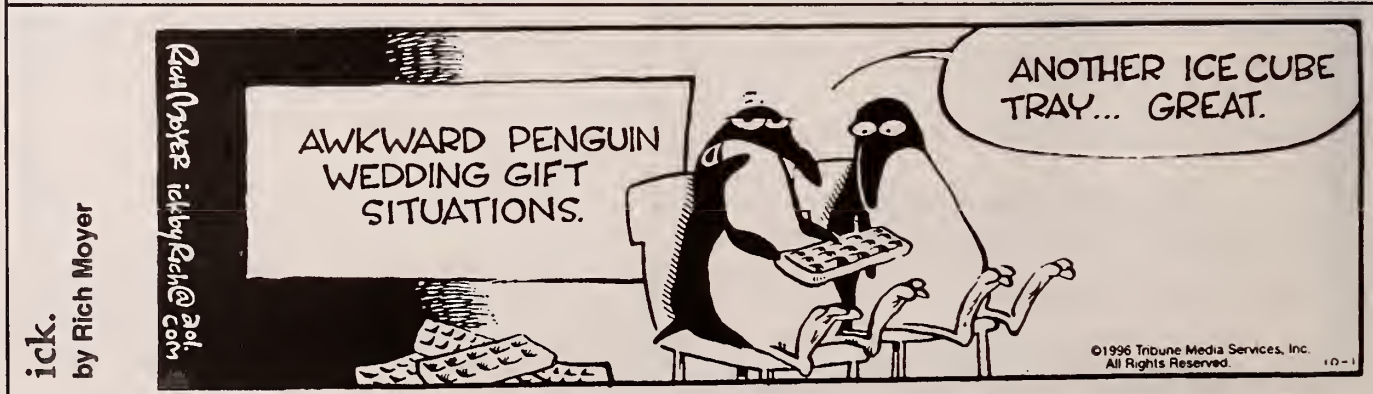

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Chicken BBQ

The Marion Social Club is planning a Chicken BBQ for Sunday, October 20. Tickets are $6 and more information is available by calling 748-3888.

Podiatrist

A podiatry clinic with Dr. Lucarelli will be held at the Community Center on October 10. Appointments or ride arrangements should be made by calling the COA at 748-3570.

Birthday Party

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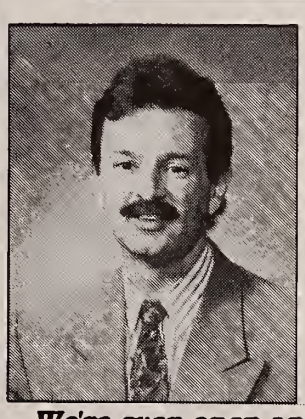

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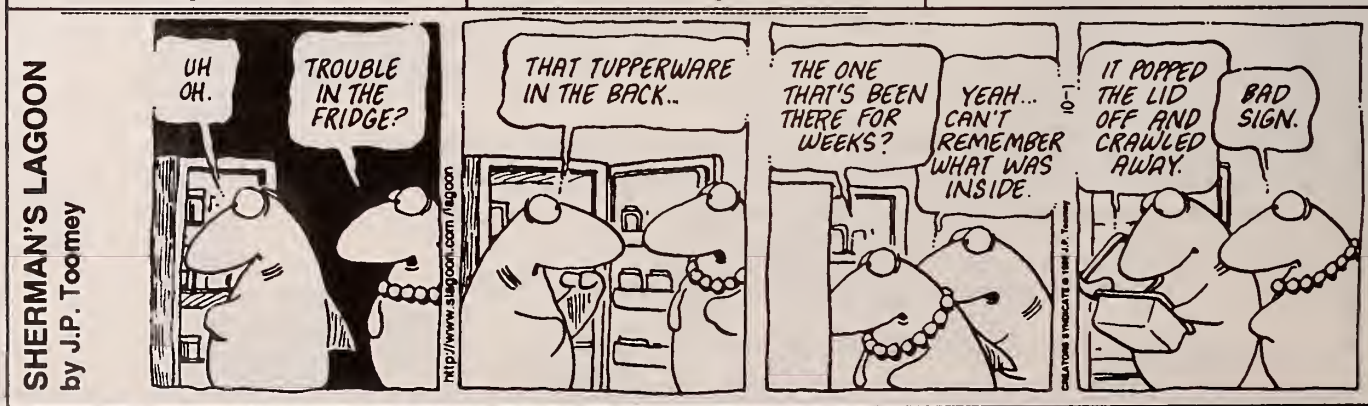

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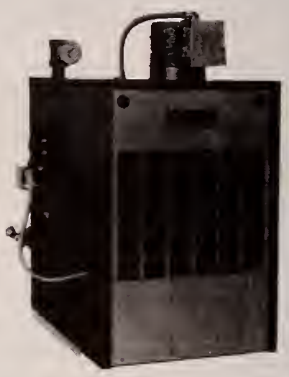

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October 5:	Sat.	2:54	3:22	8:05	9:41
October 6:	Sun.	3:53	4:17	9:28	10:47
October 7:	Mon.	4:46	5:09	10:46	11:25
October 8:	Tues.	5:35	5:55	11:35	11:56
October 9:	Wed.	6:20	6:39	...	12:13
October 10:	Thur.	7:02	7:20	12:27	12:49
October 11:	Fri.	7:42	8:01	12:59	1:25
October 12:	Sat.	8:21	8:41	1:33	2:02
October 13:	Sun.	9:01	9:21	2:09	2:40
October 14:	Mon.	9:42	10:03	2:46	3:20
October 15:	Tues.	10:25	10:48	3:25	4:02
October 16:	Wed.	11:12	11:38	4:08	4:48
October 17:	Thur.	...	12:04	4:55	5:39
October 18:	Fri.	12:34	1:02	5:48	6:37
October 19:	Sat.	1:36	2:06	6:50	7:43
October 20:	Sun.	2:41	3:10	8:03	8:57

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	Last Quarter	October 4th
	New Moon	October 12th
	First Quarter	October 19th
	Full Moon	October 26th

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